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Join the Race!

The newsletter is my time each quarter to reflect on what was accomplished the last 3 months in the race to end drug shortages. This quarter as I pause, I'm reminded of all the stakeholders who are working to end drug shortages and it fills me with gratitude and hope.

When I founded A4C in 2019, drug shortages were a hidden health crisis. Those who knew shortages existed had accepted they "sometimes happen" and most of the population had no idea the supply chain was broken, including me.

Covid brought awareness to drug shortages but there was little interest in prioritizing shortages as a national issue. As recently as last year, there was no sense of urgency to take this crisis on by all stakeholders. I would hear statements like "Yes, it is an issue, but you have to understand there are many more pressing issues." I no longer hear this. I'm conversing with leaders who want to work towards fixing this crisis daily! I've watched the interest from supply chain members, patient advocacy organizations, journalists, and policymakers grow exponentially. Even better than interest, everyone began looking for solutions.

The collaborative, patient-focused work at the [EDSA](#) and its member organizations and the policy work underway by [Congress](#) and the [Administration](#) makes me most hopeful. If the market and policy leaders are willing to have conversations and make changes, we have an inflection point. I am proud to be one of the leaders in the movement taking drug shortages from a hidden crisis to an inflection point. We must not waste this moment!

Questions remain: will we have the resolve to make the systemic changes needed? Are we willing to ask the toughest questions and solve them? Can we move this interest and willingness into action? I know I won't give up, but one person cannot make systemic change alone. Everyone will have to do more for drug shortages to end.

Patients deserve more and better. And if we do this right, we will build a reliable, resilient, and effective pharmaceutical supply chain supporting more vulnerable patients than ever before. We can't stop now! We must move forward, together. This is a race to end drug shortages, if you haven't joined yet, it's time. **Join today!**



Laura Bray
Chief Change Maker



SPOTLIGHT: FINN

The [Sing Me a Story Foundation](#) selected Angels for Change as a partner to give a young shortage warrior a smile. Sing Me a Story gives children and families an opportunity to create their own imaginative story and song to be produced by a recording artist. A4C connected our Warrior, Finn, to share his shortage story and allow his personality and joy to shine through in his very own song! Thank you Sing Me a Story for your work in spreading awareness, helping families in need, and supporting patients and non-profits around the world!



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[FINN'S STORY](#)

CNN'S 2023 CHAMPION FOR CHANGE AWARD WINNER, LAURA BRAY



Chief Change Maker, Laura Bray, was selected as a 2023 CNN Champion for Change. CNN's Champions For Change spotlights ordinary people breaking new ground and embodying the fullest human potential.

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A NEW SEASON OF INFECTIONS IS HERE, BUT THE SHORTAGE OF A COMMON KIDS' ANTIBIOTIC NEVER ENDED



According to US Pharmacopeia, antibiotics like amoxicillin are at 42% greater risk of being in shortage than any other drug.

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HOW A CRITICAL CANCER DRUG BECAME HARD TO FIND IN THE U.S.



[NBC News](#) covers the drug shortage crisis, highlighting Michael Thompson, one of our Shortage Warriors, and showcasing how one issue in our brittle supply chain can cause a ripple effect impacting patients nationwide.

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FEDERAL POLICIES TO ADDRESS PERSISTENT GENERIC DRUG SHORTAGES



The [Brookings Institution](#) released a new potential policies to address drug shortages proposal. Angels for Change is proud to be a contributor to this work.

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DRUG SHORTAGES ARE A BOON TO ONE INDUSTRY: COMPOUNDING PHARMACIES



The [Wall Street Journal](#) highlights the impact of Angels for Change project PROTECT and more information on the drug shortage crisis.

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OUR PURPOSE IN ACTION



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JULY 28TH, BRAY INVITED TO WHITE HOUSE ROUNDTABLE

Our Chief Change Maker and Founder, Laura Bray, was invited to the White House for a roundtable on the current national pediatric and adult cancer drug shortage crisis. Bray was called on as one of our country’s top healthcare leaders to share her expertise, patient impact stories, and practical solutions to build a more resilient supply chain for all patients. Alongside Bray, were many of A4C’s Advisory Board and End Drug Shortage Alliance (EDSA) leaders.

We would like to thank the Administration for prioritizing the drug shortage crisis and the vulnerability of cancer patients to this crisis. The White House spearheading this type of collaboration and knowledge-sharing is a momentous step forward to protecting our nation’s pediatric and adult cancer patients.

We are encouraged by the commitment from those who answered the call to share their ideas and the solutions during the White House roundtable. It will take all of us, patients, physicians, hospitals, supply chain members and policy leaders, working together to end this crisis.



Thank you to the White House and the pharmaceutical industry leaders who gathered for this day of collaboration to find practical solutions. “I am honored to have been invited to the White House for this important collaborative roundtable. No patient should be faced with harm because of a drug shortage and our beloved physicians must have the tools to save the patients under their care. This must not be a single meeting, but the beginning of the end to drug shortages. For that dream to be realized we must urgently progress this work forward.” said Bray.



A4C Advisory Organization Members: Tommy Pourmahram, Eric Edwards, Stephen Colvill, Laura Bray, Terri Lyle Wilson and Vimala Raghavendran



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TAMPA BAY DRUG SHORTAGE ROUNDTABLE AND PRESS CONFERENCE



On July 7th, Laura Bray joined Tampa Bay healthcare leaders, physicians, advocates, parents of patients, and U.S. Representative Kathy Castor for a roundtable to address the national drug and device shortage crisis. A press conference at St Joseph Hospital followed. During the dialogue, Laura spoke on the challenges of supporting patients and hospitals during a drug shortage and the practical solutions all can use to end drug shortage crises. She shared how she has built a national inventory-sharing network with all members of the supply chain to protect patients and encouraged leaders to contact Angels for Change for support in obtaining access to medicines before changing patient care. “In building relationships with supply chain members we are working to make sure all available supply is used without disparity. All members know they know that if they get in trouble they can call for help too.” This was one of many examples that struck a chord with everyone in the room.

Beth Gore, Executive Director of the Oley Foundation, shared how her own children and the patients she represents are facing shortages of total parenteral nutrition (TPN). “We rely on (TPN). If we don’t get this, there are no other alternatives. Our people starve. The mitigation strategy right now is just to not put people on it. Well, then they die.” One local physician explained how shortage stories impact their hospital and the care they can provide on a daily basis. The consensus in the room was evident this is all too common of an issue.



We are encouraged by the conversations, desire, and commitment of our local leaders to bring the needed change to the drug and device shortage crisis. Thank you to St. Joseph Hospital for hosting, Representative Kathy Castor for spearheading this roundtable, and for BayCare for sponsoring this event.

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NATIONAL

**ESSENTIAL
MEDICINE
SHORTAGE
AWARENESS DAY**

On September 8th, 2023, we recognized and honored the 3rd Annual National Essential Medicine Shortage Awareness Day. This national awareness day was launched 3 years ago by one of our Champion Partners, Phlow Corp.

We all have a part and a voice to advocate for those who can’t. A4C invites **you** to mark your calendar for next year to honor National Essential Medicine Shortage Awareness Day. Learn more about this important day and other ways to get involved, click [here](#).

Save the Date
September, 8th, 2024
#STOPTHESHORTAGES

NEW COLLABORATIONS



Collaboration will be key to ending drug shortages. This quarter we are excited to announce partnerships with three new organizations: Rally Foundation for Childhood Cancer Research, the Society of Gynecological Oncology, and the Duke-Margolis Center for Health Policy. It gives us hope as we grow collaborations with organizations that keep patient lives at the forefront of their work.

Rally Foundation and Society of Gynecological Oncology, thank you for your efforts to protect our nation's vulnerable patients impacted by drug shortages. We are proud to work with you to support your patients and physicians during a drug shortage crisis.

In March 29, 2023, Duke Margolis launched their Drug Supply Chain Resilience and Advanced Manufacturing Consortium. This is their first consortium to work towards ending drug shortages. Their plan is to bring about policy change through diverse stakeholders joining together to tackle the major challenges to drug supply reliability.

Laura Bray, Chief Change Maker and Founder, accepted Duke-Margolis' invitation to be a part of their Health Policy's Drug Supply Chain Resilience and Advanced Manufacturing Consortium as an Independent Academic Expert. Thank you Duke-Margolis for your invitation to be a part of the necessary change, and for your initiatives to build a resilient supply chain through collaboration.

To learn more about Duke-Margolis Drug Consortium and their mission, click [here](#)

To learn more about Rally Foundation of Childhood Cancer Research, click [here](#)

To learn more about the Society of Gynecologic Oncology, click [here](#)

2023 HERMES AWARD WINNING PODCAST

On July 11th, Chief Change Maker, Laura Bray was presented with the 2023 Hermes Creative Platinum Award by Mittal Sutaria, Senior Vice President, Contract and Program Services, Pharmacy for Vizient, for her interview on the VerifiedRX podcast titled, "No Patient Left Behind: the race to end drug shortages". Hermes Creative Awards honor the messengers and creators of the information revolution for the year's best creative industry publications.



Addressing Drug Shortages is no small feat and I was just speaking with Laura this morning about how there are so many unsung heroes. Today, it is my distinct pleasure and honor to recognize Laura Bray, Chief Change Maker for Angels for Change as the highest category of Platinum award winner and present her the 2023 Hermes Creative Award." said Mittal Sutaria

Thank you Vizient, Inc. for your nomination to Hermes Creative Awards. To listen to this award winning podcast, click [here](#)



PROJECT PROTECT 2023 AWARD WINNERS



Angels for Change Project PROTECT, is a new approach to mitigate drug shortages by building redundant supply of vulnerable essential medicines using supply chain partnerships and non-profit grants. Last year, Project PROTECT targeted two medicines that needed protection from shortage and increased their production through grant awards. 700,000 life-saving treatments were accessed by patients in shortage.

Due to this year's fundraising success, Project PROTECT will expand to 7 new essential medicines, a total of 9 essential medicines, protected for the American people.

We proudly announce our 2023 Project PROTECT grant award winners are Fagron Sterile Services, Leiters Health, and STAQ Pharma. Thank you for being the Protectors of: Dextrose, Magnesium, Calcium Chloride, Potassium Acetate, Sodium Phosphate, Potassium Chloride and Sodium Chloride. You are all guardians protecting patients from the harm of drug shortages.



"I am thankful that Fagron, Leiters, and STAQ Pharma were willing to become Protectors with us as we scale this project and proud that by the end of 2023, we will have protected patients from the impact of shortage for 9 essential medicines." said Laura Bray. To learn more about Project PROTECT, click the button below.

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2023 CHANGE MAKER OF THE YEAR AWARD

As part of our Champions for Change Gala, A4C announced their Change Maker of the Year on September 16, 2023. This award is given to an individual with a passion for ending drug shortages - a change agent who has committed to and delivered significant change in the fight to ensure access to essential medicines for patients. The 2023 Change Maker of the Year award winner is Terri Lyle Wilson, Vice President of Pharmacy, Children's Hospital Association.

Terri joins Bryan Tyler, Chief Executive Officer, McKesson Corporation, and Dan Kistner, PharmD, Group Senior Vice President, Pharmacy Solutions for Vizient, as our 3rd Change Maker of the Year. Terri was recognized for her supply chain and pharmacy expertise, her role as a founding team member of Project PROTECT, and her patient advocacy work.

"Never underestimate the power of advocates brainstorming together to save lives. I have the pleasure of recognizing a fierce pharmacist, turned supply chain expert, who was one of the chief architects of Project Protect, and I feel lucky to call her a friend, Terri Lyle Wilson." Said Bray during the award ceremony.



2023 GUARDIAN AWARD STAQ PHARMA



A4C is proud to announce the 2023 Annual Drug Shortage Guardian Award winner, STAQ Pharma, a leading pharmaceutical 503B Outsourcing Facility with operating facilities in both Denver, CO and Columbus, OH for their exceptional work during their potassium chloride and sodium chloride shortage of 2022.

The Drug Shortage Guardian Award is presented annually to an organization, and its people, exhibiting exceptional patient-centered work during a drug shortage crisis. Angels for Change defines a guardian as a “Defender; one that Guards, Protects those in need”.

This year, on June 29th, STAQ Pharma employees received the 2nd annual award in Denver, CO with STAQ leaders Joe Bagan, Chief Executive Officer; Mark Spiecker, President; and Jeff Hval, Chief Operations Officer present.

“Recognizing individuals, within the supply chain, for above and beyond patient-focused work is important to fostering the change needed to build a resilient supply chain. I’m proud to give this award to these amazing team members whom I worked closely with for 12 months. Their work saved lives, 700,000 to be exact!” said Laura Bray.

Thank you to the following frontline employees: Lou Thao, Dmitriy Gekker, Amy Shepard, Bryce Gode, MacKenzie McComber, Veronica Landin, Divine Apongo, Tai Quetschenbach, Fue Xiong, Rosemary Ramirez, Evan Brunick, Victoria Long, Patrick Griffith, Travis Garlock, Carla Ortega, and Tanya Flenory, your heroic work has saved lives!

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NEW PROJECT ALERT

Angels for Change

Project Gold

Powered by Curae Pharma360

In July, A4C and Curae Pharma360 (Curae), partnered to change the underlying economics for Generic Oncology Lifesaving Drugs (“Project GOLD”). Project GOLD’s objective is to end drug shortages by creating a new model for securing the nation’s most shortage-vulnerable medicines. This initiative aims to solve four main shortage challenges: manufacturing incentives, lack of coordinated information, lack of just-in-case supply, and disparity in shortage access, especially in the cancer clinic space where most Americans receive cancer treatment.

Thank you Curae Pharma360 and Medicines360 for their expertise and partnership in this novel approach. If you are interested in learning more about GOLD, contact us today!

Angels for Change summitONE

Together Ending Life Saving Drug Shortages



SummitONE is the only event in the nation focused on ending drug shortages where both supply chain members and patients can attend together. SummitONE works with the pharmaceutical supply chain's top leaders to bring about ONE OUTCOME; ending all drug shortage crises.

SummitONE 2023 was a sold-out event and an action-packed, 2-days of supply chain collaboration and multi-stakeholder idea sharing. Our agenda included: keynote speaker Steve Collis, CEO of AmerisourceBergen, Bryan Tyler, CEO of McKesson, James Corbun, Advisor to the White House, and more. To see the full agenda, click [here](#).

This year's host Champion and Presenting Sponsor was AmerisourceBergen. We would like to thank AmerisourceBergen, for being an incredible host! Partnering with your subject matter expert team members to organize and execute an amazing event at your newly renovated headquarters was a dream,



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Angels for Change would like to thank all of the Change Makers who gathered to impact change and save patient lives, especially our partners and speakers. The excitement built during the summit gives us great hope that we will end drug shortages. We hope you share in that encouragement and thank you for all that you do on a daily basis to protect our nation's patients in need of life-saving treatments.

ANNOUNCEMENT

SummitONE 2024 will be in Chicago, IL. We would like to welcome our 2024 Champion Presenting Partner Fresenius Kabi to the Race to End Drug Shortages. Keep a look out on socials for more details. Are you interested in being a sponsor or presenter at SummitONE? Now is the time to contact us at Communications@AngelsforChange.org

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Thank you Change Makers for joining us September 16th for our 2023 Champions for Change Gala in Tampa. The energy in the room during this SOLD OUT event was indescribable! We can't thank you enough for joining us at our signature event of the year and helping us raise the needed funds to end drug shortages.

Your passionate support inspires us all year long. We hope you are as inspired and hopeful as we are because without you we can not save patient lives.

Special thank you to all of our sponsors, partners, and donors who helped make our gala possible! Your support allowed us to offer the best guest experience with complimentary valet parking, professional photography, Photo booth, stocked bars, live entertainment, and our best live/silent auction items yet! Thank you again for your contributions to our 2023 Champions for Change Gala.



[See Full Gala Album](#)

Cheers to three years!

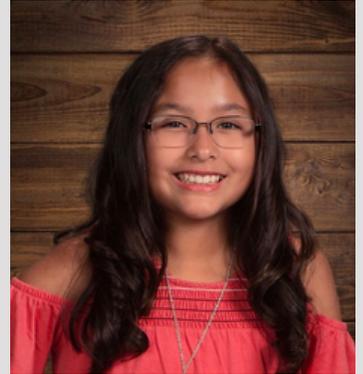
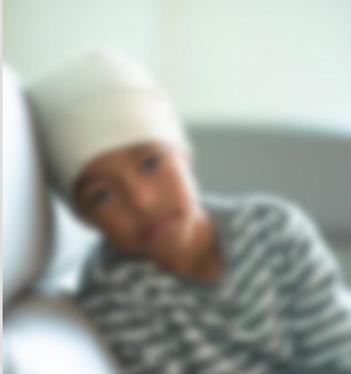
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**Champions for Change Gala 2024
September 21, 2024 Tampa, FL**

GIVING TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 28, 2023



Will you support Angels for Change this Giving Tuesday? GivingTuesday is a global movement unleashing the power of radical generosity. Donations will go to supporting Drug Shortage Warriors. To read their stories, click on their picture.

Mark your calendars, share on socials, and participate in the Change Maker movement this #GivingTuesday2023.

[CLICK HERE TO GIVE](#)

CHANGE MAKER CHALLENGES

Are you or your organization looking to end drug shortages? Host a Change Maker Challenge! These are designed to raise funds, expand awareness of the A4C mission, bring attention to the issue of life-saving drug shortages, and reach more families who need help accessing the medication they need to successfully treat life-threatening illnesses.

Change Maker Challenges could be: a social media fundraising campaign, team awareness day, 5K, bake sale or more! A4C will assist with new creative ideas, marketing, and execution!



CHANGEMAKER CHALLENGE

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| November: open! | December: open! | January: open! |
| February: open! | March: open! | April: open! |

To coordinate your own challenge, send us an email at: communications@angelsforchange.org

MEET OUR TEAM



DIANE MASIELLO, PHD BOARD DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

Diane Masiello is a writing teacher and freelance writer. She has been married to her husband, John—an anesthesiologist—for over 25 years and has two teenage daughters. She earned a Ph.D. in English Education from New York University in 2000, and has taught writing at New York University, Nova Southeastern University, and the University of Tampa. She currently teaches at The Academy of the Holy Names.

Diane has served in board positions at a free medical clinic, a local surgery center, and her children's schools. She met Laura Bray through their church, where they often volunteered together. Diane joined the Angels for Change volunteer board because she wanted to help tell the organization's story and the stories of those warriors Angels for Change has helped.

MARK SPIECKER, ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

Mark Spiecker brings almost two decades of life sciences and biotech experience in medical device, pharmaceutical development and CGMP manufacturing. Mark is President of STAQ Pharma, a 503B Outsourcing Facility with locations in Colorado and Ohio that provide sterile injectable compounded medications to hospitals across the country. Mark serves as an advisory board member to Angels for Change, a member of the Ending Drug Shortages Alliance (EDSA), a board member and past Chair of the Metro Denver Chamber of Commerce, a trustee for the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, and past Chair of the Colorado BioScience Association, Mark has a history of community engagement and success both Nationally and in Colorado.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to all our partners and Change Makers! Your partnership with Angels for Change is vital for the success of our mission to end drug shortages.

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